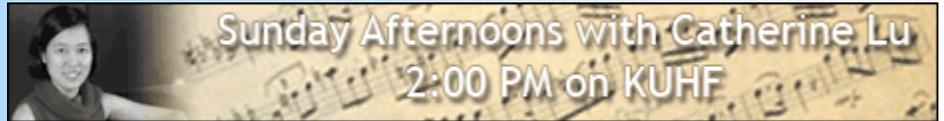




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## South Florida Educator Likely New UH President

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By: Jack Williams

**The number two administrator at the University of South Florida is the sole finalist to become the new president at University of Houston and Chancellor of the U of H System. Houston Public Radio's Jack Williams reports.**

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After 22 years of working her way up through the ranks at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Dr. Renu Khator will begin a new challenge after the University of Houston Board of Regents officially confirms her as the System and University's leader next month. The 52-year-old Khator is currently provost and senior vice president at USF, a school with 45,000 students at four campuses.

*"I am so honored that I was considered for the position and I feel very fortunate that I have won their faith. I really thank the Board of Regents and the faculty, students, staff, community, alumni, donors because they all had representation in the search committee."*

Khator would replace Dr. Jay Gogue, who became the president of Auburn University earlier this year. She's the top academic officer at a school that's considered a top-tier research university. She says the University of Houston has a lot going for it.

*"I like the fact that it is committed to its metropolitan mission, which means providing access at an affordable cost to students. I particularly like the bold vision of the University of Houston. They want to be a nationally-ranked, top tier public research university. I like the diversity at the University of Houston and their commitment to it. I think that all of these things put together and the top-notch faculty that are at the University of Houston, I find it to be a phenomenal place."*

Under state law, the University of Houston's Board of Regents must wait 21-days before confirming Dr. Khator as president. Interim chancellor and President John Rudley is expected to serve until Khator begins here, likely in January of next year.

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